

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Call to Order: Vice Chairwoman Hiner, on March 10, 2009 at 8:00
A.M., in Room 102 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Duane Ankney (R)
Rep. Dennis Getz (D)
Rep. Bill E. Glaser (R)
Rep. Ray Hawk (R)
Rep. Teresa K. Henry (D)
Rep. Cynthia Hiner (D)
Rep. Roy Hollandsworth (R)
Rep. Galen Hollenbaugh (D)
Rep. Dave Kasten (R)
Rep. Bill McChesney (D)
Rep. Walter McNutt (R)
Rep. Robert Mehlhoff (D)
Rep. Penny Morgan (R)
Rep. Carolyn Pease-Lopez (D)
Rep. Don Roberts (R)
Rep. Cheryl Steenson (D)
Rep. Dan Villa (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Bill Nooney (R), Rep. Llew Jones (R),
Rep. Jon C. Sesso, Chairman (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Jon Moe, Legislative Branch
Samuel Speerschneider, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 472, 3/5/2009; HB482, 3/5/2009;
SJ 22, 3/5/2009; HB 611, 3/5/2009;
HB 585, 3/5/2009; HB 578, 3/5/2009;
HB 577, 3/5/2009; HB 569, 3/5/2009;
HB 425, 3/5/2009; HB 399, 3/5/2009

Executive Action: None

00:00:02 Vice Chairwoman Hiner

HEARING ON HB 425

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:02 Rep. JP Pomnichowski (D), HD 63, opened the hearing on
HB 425, Public notice for oil/gas leases on state land.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:03:33 Cory Fischer, Trout Unlimited
00:05:07 Julia Page, Northern Plains Resource Council
00:05:41 Patricia Dowd, Greater Yellowstone Coalition
00:06:39 Joe Lamson, Deputy Director, Department of Natural
Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:08:52 Rep. Morgan
00:09:11 Rep. Pomnichowski
00:09:27 Rep. Morgan
00:09:43 Rep. Pomnichowski

Closing by Sponsor:

00:10:11 Rep. Pomnichowski

HEARING ON HB 472

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:12:03 Rep. Dick Barrett (D), HD 93, opened the hearing on
HB 472, Clarify state and local highway maintenance
obligations.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:13:31 John McDonald, City of Missoula
00:14:37 Alan Hulse, Montana Municipal Insurance Authority

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:15:29 Rep. Morgan
00:16:06 Rep. Barrett
00:16:46 Rep. Morgan
00:17:30 Rep. Barrett
00:17:48 Rep. McChesney
00:18:56 Rep. Morgan
00:19:12 Rep. McChesney
00:19:33 Rep. Hollenbaugh

Closing by Sponsor:

00:20:02 Rep. Barrett

HEARING ON SJ 22

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:20:23 Sen. Ryan Zinke (R), SD 2, opened the hearing on SJ 22,
Governor's office to study and determine replacement
schedule for state aircraft.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:22:53 Rep. McChesney

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:23:47 Rep. Hollandsworth
00:24:46 Sen. Zinke
00:25:19 Rep. Ankney
00:25:34 Sen. Zinke
00:26:10 Rep. McNutt
00:26:30 Sen. Zinke
00:27:14 Rep. McChesney

Closing by Sponsor:

00:27:46 Sen. Zinke

HEARING ON HB 482

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:28:10 Rep. David Howard (R), HD 60, opened the hearing on
HB 482, State assistance for economic damage caused by
brucellosis.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:31:06 Maureen Davey, Commissioner, Stillwater County,
Beartooth Stock Association
00:32:51 Nicole Rolf, Montana Farm Bureau Association
00:34:54 Susie Mosness, Commissioner, Sweetgrass County
00:35:43 Jay Bodner, Montana Stockgrowers Association

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Opponents' Testimony:

00:38:34 Christian Mackay, Director, Board of Livestock

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:43:28 Rep. Hollandsworth
00:44:02 Mr. Mackay
00:45:12 Rep. Hollandsworth
00:45:26 Mr. Mackay
00:45:34 Rep. Hollenbaugh
00:45:54 Mr. Mackay
00:47:25 Rep. Hollenbaugh
00:47:53 Rep. Howard
00:49:23 Rep. Morgan
00:50:05 Mr. Mackay

00:50:18 Rep. Morgan
00:50:39 Mr. Mackay
00:51:07 Rep. Morgan
00:51:18 Mr. Mackay
00:51:31 Rep. McNutt
00:52:13 Mr. Mackay
00:52:50 Rep. McNutt
00:53:40 Mr. Mackay
00:54:26 Rep. Kasten
00:55:01 Rep. Howard
00:56:02 Rep. Getz
00:56:12 Rep. Howard
00:56:41 Rep. Getz
00:56:55 Rep. Howard
00:57:16 Mr. Bodner

Closing by Sponsor:

00:58:07 Rep. Howard

HEARING ON HB 585

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:59:27 Rep. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D), HD 75, opened the hearing on HB 585, Implement PL/PW recommendations: "Come Home to Hunt" pilot project.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:00:51 John Ward, Private Lands Public Wildlife Council
01:02:47 Paul Sihler, Field Services Division Administrator,
Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks

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Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:04:28 Rep. Morgan
01:05:05 Mr. Sihler
01:05:46 Rep. Morgan
01:06:15 Mr. Sihler
01:07:03 Rep. Mehlhoff
01:08:01 Rep. McClafferty
01:08:28 Rep. Mehlhoff

01:09:01 Rep. Glaser
01:09:37 Mr. Sihler
01:09:50 Rep. Glaser
01:10:07 Mr. Sihler
01:11:02 Rep. Glaser
01:11:14 Mr. Sihler
01:11:27 Rep. Glaser
01:11:34 Mr. Sihler
01:11:48 Rep. Glaser
01:12:41 Mr. Ward
01:14:06 Rep. Glaser
01:15:01 Mr. Ward
01:15:39 Rep. McNutt

Closing by Sponsor:

01:16:31 Rep. McClafferty

HEARING ON HB 578

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:33:49 Rep. Mary Caferro (D), HD 80, opened the hearing on
HB 578, Health corps for in-home medical care.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:35:20 Michael Alex Sirr, Doctor

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:37:06 Rep. Getz
01:37:24 Rep. Caferro
01:37:34 Mr. Sirr
01:38:33 Rep. Getz
01:38:45 Mr. Sirr
01:40:32 Rep. Kasten
01:41:13 Mr. Sirr
01:42:35 Rep. McNutt

Closing by Sponsor:

01:43:01 Rep. Caferro

HEARING ON HB 577

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:44:43 Rep. Mary Caferro (D), HD 80, opened the hearing on
HB 577, Clarifying parents as scholars program.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:47:36 Judy Smith, self
01:52:52 Layna George, Working for Equality and Economic
Liberation (WEEL)
01:54:01 Kristina Davis, State Director, Children's Defense Fund
01:56:12 Sen. Carol Juneau, SD 8
01:59:47 Judy Reel, Montana Coalition Against Domestic and
Sexual Violence

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:00:47 Rep. Steenson
02:01:15 Rep. Caferro
02:02:49 Rep. Steenson
02:03:23 Ms. Smith
02:03:54 Rep. Steenson
02:04:09 Ms. Smith

Closing by Sponsor:

02:04:47 Rep. Caferro

HEARING ON HB 569

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

02:07:20 Rep. Betsy Hands (D), HD 99, opened the hearing on
HB 569, Fund Montana housing fund.

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Proponents' Testimony:

02:15:20 Michael O'Neil, Montana Home Choice Coalition
02:20:53 Joe Roberts, Montana Association of Realtors

02:22:06 Steve Yeakel, Montana Independent Bankers Association
02:23:27 Betty Christianson, self
02:27:09 Anita Roessmann, Disability Rights Montana
02:31:02 Travis Hoffman, Montana's Independent Living Centers
02:33:11 Jon Bennion, Montana Chamber of Commerce
02:34:49 Tim Davis, Montana Smart Growth Coalition
02:36:00 Bonnie Albiston, self
02:42:10 Matthew Rude, Rocky Mountain Development Council
02:42:56 Judy Smith, Montana Women Vote

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

02:46:19 Bruce Brensdal, Administrator, Montana Board of Housing

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

02:46:50 Rep. Hands

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HEARING ON HB 399

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

02:48:03 Rep. Timothy Furey (D), HD 91, opened the hearing on
HB 399, Establish principles for provider rates.

Proponents' Testimony:

02:54:11 Steve Nelsen, Director, Montana Children's Initiative

02:56:36 Anita Roessmann, Disability Rights Montana

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02:58:09 Travis Hoffman, Montana's Independent Living Centers

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

02:59:34 Gail Briese-Zimmer, Department of Public Health and
Human Services

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

03:00:15 Rep. Furey

HEARING ON HB 611

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

03:02:18 Rep. Llew Jones (R), HD 27, opened the hearing on
HB 611, Revise deposit of school interest and income
money.

Proponents' Testimony:

03:06:09 Lance Melton, Montana School Board Association
03:07:08 Eric Burke, MEA-MFT
03:08:25 Dave Puyear, Montana Rural Education Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

03:09:26 Rep. Mehlhoff
03:10:32 Chairman Sesso
03:11:49 Rep. Jones
03:13:28 Chairman Sesso
03:13:45 Rep. Jones
03:14:10 Chairman Sesso
03:14:51 Rep. Jones
03:15:58 Chairman Sesso
03:16:07 Rep. Jones
03:16:59 Chairman Sesso
03:17:37 Rep. Jones
03:18:26 Chairman Sesso
03:18:41 Rep. Jones
03:19:48 Rep. Mehlhoff
03:20:29 Rep. Jones

Closing by Sponsor:

03:21:12 Rep. Jones

Announcements:

03:22:51 Chairman Sesso
03:27:22 Rep. Morgan
03:27:43 Chairman Sesso

ADJOURNMENT

03:28:12 Adjournment: 11:30 A.M.

Samuel Speerschneider, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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